Strasburg Record Missing Leaving a Note of Intention to Commit Suicide-Searching Parties Unsuccess-

Strasburg, O., Dec. 11-Hundreds of persons are scouring the country in the vicinity of Strasburg, in an effort to obtain some trace of Edward W. Spidell, editor of the Strasburg Weekly Record, who disappeared yesterday, leaving behind him a note stating that was his intention to commit suicide. Up to this evening, nothing that would indicate his whereabouts been discovered by the searching parties.

After having eaten supper with his family, Thursday evening, he left the house, and did not return. His prolonged absence caused alarm in the household, and when he failed to put in an appearance at midnight, he was looked for at his office. He had evidently not been there for some time, but he had left a letter explaining everything. The message was addressed to his family. He stated that at many times during the past few months his mind had become a blank and that frequently during such lapses he would find himself wandering in the vicinity of Sugar Creek, a small stream flowing near Strasburg. Fearing that he would soon become a mental wreck, and would be confined in some asylum, he resolved to end a building made of wood would take his life. He asked his sons to take charge of his business affairs, and to continue the publication of the Record.

As soon as the import of the letter was realized, a general alarm was spread throughout the town, by the ringing of church bells, and the blowing of whistles. About one hundred persons turned out immediately to search for some clue of his where-

Every nook and corner in the village met with the careful scrutiny of the searchers, but their efforts were to no avail. As the day downed, attention was turned towards Sugar Creek and the surrounding country. During the day the stream was carefully dragged in the hope that his body might be brought to the surface. One man states that he saw Spidell walking rapidly towards Canal Dover, early Thursday evening. It is to that portion of the country that the search-

ers are now devoting their efforts. Since no trace of the body has been discovered, many persons are of the beltef that Spidell is still alive, having reconsidered his intention of taking his life.

About a week ago he went to the Strasburg bank and drew out \$100 to square his accounts with the world he It is not known that he used the money for this avowed purpose.

Spidell is 43 years old. His wife, two sons and a daughter are living. In Strasburg and the vicinity he was quite prominent, and was well known and popular everywhere. He was clerk of the Franklin township board of trustees. He had been in ill health and some time ago he took a long vacation in the west, returning six weeks ago apparently much improved. However, since his return, he rapidly

Two years ago he began the publication of the Record and this has been successful since the start.

# MANY FIRE TRAPS IN

Cleveland, has made 175 inspections wet by 66. The city of Lima returned isnce given by Mrs. F. Cramer; "Nuts of business houses in the city of Can- 1337 wet majority, Delphos counted to Crack," added to the pleasure. A About as many owners of property inspected, have received orders to clear away the debris forming fire was, wet 6790, dry 6724. traps on their premises, and in several cases arrests are likely to fol-

Marshal McAninch came to this city early in the week, quite unexpectedly, as are nearly all such visits. He left the city yesterday afternoon, for his home, but he will return to continue the inspection next week. The remainder of the work will require perhaps a week to perform.

Similar inspections occur almost annually, about Christmas, the idea of this being to prevent the destructible out at this time of the year are always given impetus by the inflamable, and filmsy Christmas decoration material, such as cotton, excelsior, etc. the danger to the merchants, and not poses. an overbearing measure of the law as many of them imagine.

In speaking of the conditions in les. The fire chief was of the opinion when I came here that I would find a fairly clean lot of business The counties that voted wet retain-houses, but I find that the reverse is ed to the state for revenue—if the true. I met with much opposition on same number of saloons are keptmy tour of inspection on the part of \$134,672.33, and for themselves \$314, did not want me to examine their premises. I went into cellars of gro- len, which votes today, are expected cery stores, where highly inflamable to contribute to the state \$1,963,862.21, pine boxes were piled to the ceiling. and to themselves \$4,590,550.40. In other places, vast amounts of excelsior had been allowed to accumulate. Other merchants had boxes piled high up along the sides of their build- and Highland, which have but one ings, and protested that the Christmas rush had brought this about when I ordered them removed. I found various other accumulations of rubbish. which would be transformed into a veritable furnace, upon coming in contact with the slightest flame. All of the merchants complained that ordinarily such conditions did not exist, and that I had caught them unawares at the busy Christmas season. I hardly believe that this is true, for in most cases, the rubbish looked as if Fairfield county; assistant seward, it had been allowed to remain for George Elliott, Defiance county; chapmonths. At any rate, it is no excuse lain, Mrs. Levina Barrett, Fayette for courting menace to their property, and to the surrounding property. In ford county; gatekeeper, George Wha-

found that conditions were very bad county; flora, Mrs. C. A. Pontius, in Canton. This is probably due to Stark county; lady assistant steward, the fact that the merchants were tak- Miss Grace Courtright, Pickaway

on unawares. In his examination of local properties, the fire marshal was accompanied by. by Deputy Inspector Musroe, of Cleve-

# MAMMOTH LUMBER SHED; A CREDIT TO THE CITY

Phil J. Bernower, who has been one of Canton's leading lumber dealers for the last fifteen years, has just completed one of the most remarkable lumber sheds in

Remarkable, because it has never been known for a lumber dealer to build a shed of anything but wood, while this shed is made entirely of steel.

This apparently marks a new advancement in the care of lumber and from all the information that can be gathered Mr. Bernower has the distinction of hav-ing the first steel lumber shed in this part of the country. The size of the shed might be realized when it is stated that it takes a big car load of boards to cover the roof alone. The lowest point in the large shed, enables the piling of lumber 4 feet above the height of the caves of an ordinary house, being 22 feet from which height it rises to a gable

feet above the ground. The roof is carried on steel perlines supported on eye beams 18 feet apart. A trolley system will be installed that will run directly over the center of the different lumber piles, enabling the handling of timbers directly from car to pile. a Morning News reporter Mr. Bernower said, "I conceived the idea of a steel shed in the middle of the summer. At that time I was being botherad more or less with warping of lumber caused by a hot sun directly after a rain. As I save always held that to keep lumber in good condition it should have plenty of air, I did not wish to make a tight

"I gave the contract to The Canton Bridge Co., who made the design and Bridge Co., who made the being in erection, every piece and bolt being in a remarkably short time. The building is made strong enough that I can carry a ton on over-head trolleys.
"I am reasonably certain that it is the only shed built for the storing of lumthat is constructed of steel west of Pittsburg.

Reported to Have Purchased Controlling Interest in the Akron Wholesale Grocery Company,

It was said upon the streets Friday evening that Julius Dannemiller, who was connected with the Dannemiller wholesale grocery since he was a young boy, had purchased a controlling interest in the Akron Wholewould take possession of the same. An effort was made to locate Mr. Dannemiller, but he was not at home when a Morning News man asked for him and the report could not be verl- R. Brown of Toledo. fied in this manner. Close friends of the man say that the report is undoubtedly true. Mr. Dannemiller is a man of wide experience in the wholesale grocery business and if the report is true Akron will have a good live man at the head of their establishment.

# CHURCH BELLS DID NOT RING

Lima, O., Dec. 11.—No church bells A. Hissner; a reading was rendered are ringing in Allen county tonight by Mrs. C. C. Price, with piano ac-During the past week, J. T. McAn- men and women. Allen county after interpreted by Mrs. R. Kelly; "Landinch, assistant state fire marshal, of a bitter three weeks' struggle voted

Columbus, O., Dec. 11 .- Interesting figures relating to the revenue of the state and the various counties arising out of the recent local option elections have been secured from Auditor holiday fires. Small blazes that break of State Guilbert. The money derived from the tax on satoons goes to the general revenue fund of the state, to aunt, Mrs. Slabaugh. the municipalities for the police and infirmary funds and to the county for It is a precautionary step to decrease poor relief and county infirmary pur- on the finish to the articles for their

Through the voting dry of 58 counties the state loses \$538,729 and the day evening in Sponseller hall, and counties themselves \$1.256,432.70. The they will also have the sale in the af-Canton, Marshal McAninch said: "I net gain in the general revenue fund ternoon and evening of Saturday, the find that on the whole the fire traps, of the state last year, according to 12th. set thoughtlessly, by the merchants the figures furnished by State Treasthemselves, are just as numerous as urer Green today, was \$364,418.48. It evening, 11th, under auspices of the in any other city that I have visited. will be noticed that the loss sustained Sunshine society. In fact, I think that the conditions by the state will wipe out that gain are even worse than some of the cit- unless there is a secondary increase Alliance, have been guests of friends from some other source not now dis- here. cernible.

The counties that voted wet retain the property owners. Many of them 007. The countles in which no vote has been taken, and this includes Al-

> In this array the counties of Geauga, Harrison, Morgan and Clinton. which have no saloops, and Ashland each. These calculations are based upon the expected returns for 1908. and represent the estimates for the business purposes of the state.

State Grange Officers. Columbus, Dec. 10.-The following officers were elected by the State Grange: T. C. Laylin, of Norwalk, master; overseer, E. S. Tussing, Canal Winchester; lecturer, L. T. Taber.

county; secretary, S. E. Strode, Crawsome cases, I fear that I will be compelled to arrest the chief offenders." Demuth, Tuscarawas county; cares,
Fire Chief R. O. Mesnar said: "I Mrs. Lidora Edwards, Williams coununderstand that Marshal McAninch ty; pomens, Miss Dora Ellis, Warren county, and member of the executive committee, J. S. Brigham, Wood coun-

The next annual meeting will be held at Springfield.

To Entertain Next Quarterly Convention of the Maccabees

# CLASS 54 INITIATED

Sixty delegates, representing 54 tents, together with a number of vis-itors from other cities and the members of the local lodges, attended the quarterly convention of the Knights of the Maccabees, of the Sixth district at the McCurdy hall yesterday. The knights remained in session until late at night, and decided to hold their next quarterly gathering in Ak-

The assembly was called to order at 10:30 yesterday morning by George Weidman, of this city, president of the Sixth district. Little business was transacted during the morning session, and at 12:30 a recess was allowed in order that a trip to the McKinley monument might be taken. Returning, the knights reconvened at 2 o'clock, and during the afternoon many speeches and reports of deleof air, I did not wish to make a building, or in other words one with er tents of the Sixta district building, or in other words one with er tents of the Sixta district heard, It was during the afternoon sides to it. I was then convinced that heard, It was during the afternoon seems of wood would take session that a committee, consisting the session that a committee of th Wires, of Akron, and J. M. Robinson, of Akron, was appointed for the purpose of arranging for the Sixth district picnic to be held next summer. The place at which the meeting will be held was left in the hands of the committee, which will report at the next quarterly convention.

A portion of the time during the af-

ernoon was devoted to instructing the delegates and members of the lodge upon the new ritual recently adopted by the knights.

At the evening session, a class of 54 candidates was initiated into the mysteries of the order, the degree work being exemplified by the Great Camp Degree team of Norwalk. Arrangements were made to banquet he new members at the hall on the night of December 21.
The visitors included many persons,

rom Kent, Akron, Ravenna, Wooster, Orrville, New Berlin and Norwalk. Among the officers of the lodge present who made speeches were Supreme with Mrs. Bowers at Barberton one Record Keeper L. E. Sissler, Detroit; day last week. Great Commander Ed. L. Young, of Clarence Stump has returned home Norwalk; Great Record Keeper Geo. from a trip to Oklahoma bringing sale Grocery company and that he H. Scott, of Norwalk; Major General with him his newly wedded wife. Our of the Uniformed Rank William Sletz- best wishes go with them. ler, of Cleveland; State Deputy M. V. Hansen, of Mentor, and District Deputies W. H. Bride, of Cleveland, and F. with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grace.

## NEW BERLIN.

New Berlin, Dec. 9-The annual banquet of the Ladies' Literary club was held Monday evening at Sponseller's hall. About 60 persons sat at the festive board. Members of the society and their guests. An elaborate menu was served all the way from chicken and cranberry sauce to coffee and candy. Music was furnished by the New Berlin orchestra. The president, Mrs. H. M. Hoover, opened the program of toasts in her answer to query "Found-?" "Gentlemen," to query received the attention of Miss F. Shanafelt; "The Last Chance for Our Bachelor Girls," was given by Mrs. P. but the city of Lima is wild with tin horns, red lights and marching men and women. Allen county after a bitter three weeks' struggle voted wet by 66. The city of Lima returned 1337 wet majority, Deiphos counted 462 more, while three townships joined the wet column. The total vote was, wet 6790, dry 6724.

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Companiment by C. Bachtel; "Club day happily son's. R. Kelly; "Land ed," was the happy Leap Year experience given by Mrs. F. Cramer; "Nuts to Crack," added to the pleasure. A good social time was enjoyed in games and otherwise. Amusement committee were: Misses Frances Richards, Mildred Schiltz, Mrs. H. G. Evans, F. M. Evans and C. A. Pontius. The hall was prettily decorated in the club colors.

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which are progressing nicely. Mrs. Stover, who has been in the Ingleside hospital for several weeks, came home last week and is getting along nicely. Miss Roxle Kreichbaum is out of

the hospital and is at the home of her This is a busy week with the women of the Reformed church putting doubtiess will be laid up for some time. Christmas bazaar sale and the chicken supper they will serve on Satur-

The Euclid entertainers here Friday

Mr. and Mrs. F. Druchenbrode, of

# CANAL FULTON.

Canal Fulton, Dec. 9.-B. & O. train No. 11, north bound, due at Fulton at 10:01 on Tuesday was delayed 40 minutes at the station here on account of one of the cylinder heads having with Mrs. Elzay at present.

blown out. The connections on that Belva Mottice, of Canton spent Satside were removed and the train proceeded to Warwick, where another Mary Kinney.

engine was procured.

John Russell, son of Joseph and Elizaengine was procured. Henry Myers was a business caller

at the county seat on Tuesday. Frederick Ackerman has pneumonia.

stalled officers at the regular meeting vive him. Funeral services will be con-on Monday evening with J. A. Burk-holder in stalling officer. holder in stalling officer. The officers of Canal Fulton chapter. 180, O. E. S., were installed at their by Past Worthy Patron F. A. Fisher

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Lawrence lodge, L. D. O. F., on Friday evening: Richard Kirk, noble granf; Sunday. home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dissinger. William Williams, vice grand; D. K. J. T. Rice made a business trip to Jones, recording secretary; L. Pfaf-Cleveland Monday and Tuesday. fle, financial secretary; Henry Meyer, treasurer; Thomas Edwards, trustee.

Not Guilty of Arzen. Lisbon, Dec. 11.—Chief of Police Charles B. Will'ams of Wellsville was found not guilty of arson by a jury after a half hour's cellberation here

## MALVERN.

M'rs. Clara Dangrove has returned home after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Roscoe French, at Findley. Mrs. Frank Worley and children

have returned home after visiting friends and relatives at Waynesburg last week.

Mr. and G. W. Hemming spent Sunday at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tillett, of Carrollton.

L. D. Klotz entertained a number of young folks at his home Saturday evening in honor of his cousin, T. L. Scott, of Toledo, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. Klotz the past week. There were about 28 present,

Mesdames Adam Aultfather and Lee Scott, of Toledo, with her husband and son are visiting relatives in Malvern. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buck, of Minerva, spent the latter part of the

## NEW CHAMBERSBURG.

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last week with G. W. Davis and fam-

New Chambersburg, Dec. 9-Jeffer son Milbourn is quite III. Vern Syme made a trip to Minerve Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Stackhouse spent Sunday in our village. Elwood Syme made a trip to Can-

ton Monday. Mrs. Albert Ruff spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Mary Milbourn. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weaver, of near Alliance; Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Snyder, of Michigan, spent Saturday and Sunday with H. Klein and Ed. King. Chancy Towns was in Franklin Sunday.

James Sanor was at East Rochester Tuesday. Elliot Lucas spent Sunday with

Henry Egley's. Marion Glass and Mage Harding

were in Minerva Monday. Bert Glass and Geo. Yeagley made trip to Salem Saturday. Mrs. Peter Klein is not improving very fast.

Chas. Mardis was at East Rochester Monday.

## MANCHESTER.

Manchester, Dec. 8-Geo. Lauby and family were guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carmany. J. H. Miller and Eph Stump made a business trip to Akron Thursday, Mrs. Effa Dally, Mrs. Fannie Dewalt and Miss Emma Braxler visited

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Traxler spent a day in Massillon last week visiting

The meetings held in the M. E. church on East street for the past two weeks have been well attended and good interest manifested. Mrs. Hagenbaugh from Tallmadge

was very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stamm on Friday. John Thursbey and Mather have

cone to Chicago on a visit with relatives for a short time. Several of the Sunday schools

this place are making preparations for an entertainment on Christmas.

# HOSTETTER DISTRICT.

Hostetter District, Dec. 9-Mrs. James Hawkins, of East Rochester, visited her dister, Mrs. William Hesston Monday William Bowers and James Elliott were in Lisbon recently. Chase Hoopse, wile and daughter, Hil-ia, of Minerva, visited Sunday at Car-

# SPARTA.

Sparta, Dec. 11-William Baughman, while doing some repairing to his house roof Tuesday morning fell to the ground, a distance of about 20 feet, injuring the ligaments of his feet and ankles to such an extent that he is unable to bear any weight on them and

No bones were broken. James A. Sinclair, of New Berlin, was in town Wednesday and Thursday.
J. J. Carns and wife and William
Carns attended the funeral of Mrs. John Carns near Canton Wednesday afternoon.

Joseph Keel, of Oakdale, was in town Tuesday morning. The schools were closed Wednesday afternoon until Thursday morning on ecount of a defective furnace. Hazel Dyer is on the sick list at pres-

J. A. Smith, of Clinton, O., was in He was about 22 years of age and leaves own on Monday evening. town on Monday evening.

a wifs, one child 5 years old, two brothElliott lodge, 514, F. & A. M., iners, one sister and his parents to sur-

regular meeting on Tuesday evening with her sister, Mrs. J. Briggio.
by Past Worthy Patron F. A. Fisher Mrs. Laura Dover and daughter, Barnesville; steward, H. T. Detweiler, as installing officer, after which lunch Sandyville, spent Saturday and Sunday was served to the members of the at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nu

# MIDDLEBRANCH,

Middlebrauch, Dec. II—Howard Such-man moved into the Bash Wise resi-dence south of town Thursday. Miss Eusan Bair spent reveral days with har brother, John Bair, of Canton, last week.

The Brethren Sunday school will have selected as judge of exhibits. Christmas ontertainment Wednesday rening, Dec. 22. The U. B. Sunday shool will have theirs on Thursday school

ovening, Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips and daughter, Sadie, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hut, of Fair Hope Supray.

Miss Mary Gibson entertained Centon friends Sunday

Mrs. C. M. Roye; and Mrs. D. C. Buchnan transacted business in Canton Mon-Roxy Young, of Kent moved into Mrs Bestler residence southeast of Thursday

Miss Ruth Wise, of Cleveland, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wise, Sunday.

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Rosy Young, Mrs. Henry Brown, Mrs.
Ed. Hartley, Mrs. Buch, Mrs. John Allarding, Alice Gloman and Mrs. E. C.
Gibson were all at Canton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bellamy spent Sun-

day with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy, east of Louisville.

John Greenwood was at Kent Sunday.

Jessle Bair and daughter, Sadie, made a business trip to Canton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Kurtz spent Sunday. day with the former's mother, Mrs. Mary

kurtz, of Midway.

kev. Byers, of Canton, will preach in the Brethren church Sunday morning and evening. Everybody invited to attend these services. Mrs. Emma Miller, of Carlo, called on lary Royer Tuesday. Misses Mabel and Ruth Harget called

on Canton relatives Sunday. Mrs. Aaron Gurtz entertained several friends and neighbors Thursday afternoon. The time was spent in sewing carpet rags.
Mrs. David Harget, who was taken to

the Mercy hospital at Canton last week, is reported to be improving rapidly. Miss Etta Gibson spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ephriam Gibson, of Bridgeport.

Mrs. Eilen Oswalt and sister, of Max-

imo, called on their mother, Mrs. Susan Clingaman, Wednesday. Lynn Lloyd and William Young, of anton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lloyd Wednesday. Mrs. Joseph Brown spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Clement Smith, of Hart-

Mrs. E. P. Lloyd was a Canton caller Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bostain returned from Ironton after visiting with friends and relatives several weeks.

#### ATWATER.

Atwater, Dec. 9—Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hisey have purchased a fine new piano for their daughter Mable.

Mrs. Edgar Lodge entertained the young girls of the Maxwell school district to lunch Tuesday.

Miss Clara Douthitt, teacher at Science Hill, has been driving five miles to and from her school, but probably henceforth will stop with Mrs. Dibble as a companion.

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Will Biles and son-in-law. Charlle Bean are dressing and delivering to the cold storage people at Alliance six to ten hogs per week, having already sold them near 100 head. W. Biles butchered a 225 pound hog the other day for Mrs. Winder, commencing at 2 p. m. and at 5 6 clock every thing was done, lard rendered, gausage made and mixed, tools washed and loaded. He had a little help from Sebastian C., however. George Eck and wife are having all kinds of luck lately. They both have been sick. The high winds the other day blew their straw stack down on a cow which was saved by pulling out with a team of horses. At last accounts they had a very sick horse.

Lou Beauchamp, humorist, will give one of his funny talks on our lecture course Saturday night, the 12th, at the Miss Mary Brockett, of Randolph, has been employed by the Atwater school

course Saturday night, the 12th, at the M. E. church.
Miss Mary Brockett, of Randolph, has been employed by the Atwater school board as teacher commencing Monday morning this week for the balance of the school year at Thompson's Corners.
Miss Eunice Stratton, who was obliged to give up the school on account of sickness, is no better, nervous prostration having developed.
The stockholders in the Atwater Savings bank will hold their first annual election of directors for the ensuing year at the banking offices at 10 o'clock a. m., December 14th.
Herbert Hudson bought 39 head of fine

December 14th.

Herbert Hudson bought 39 head of fine ismbs of Henry Hick and filling out a car load with some of his own took them to the Fat Stock show at Chicago last week. He sold the bunch after the show for 3½ a pound cleaning up a nice little profit. But before he got out of the wicked city he was sand-bagged and robbed of all the money he had on his person, \$25.00, and a fine gold watch. He couldn't describe his assailants or tell how many there were of them. He learned, after consciousness came to him

couldn't describe his assaliants or tell how many there were of them. He learned, after consciousness came to him again, that his vest was cut open on the side he carried his money from bottom to top and his pocketbook and watch were gone. He shows a badly bruised head. Mr. Hudson has been a shipper of stock to Pittsburg. Cleveland and Chicago for years in connection with farming on a large scale.

Wm. Miller, aged 72 years, of Mariboro died very suddenly Sunday morning. He was as well as usual Saturday and ate a hearty ineal that evening, but about 9 o'clock while alone he was stricken seated in his chair. He was not found until late that night by his son, Frank, who had been at a Woodman meeting that evening. He died at 4 o'clock a, m. The funeral was held Tuesday at 1 o'clock burial at Mariboro cemetery. One son, Frank, lived with him, another is somewhere in Washington and two daughters, one in Akron and the other in Canton, survive him. His wife died two yearn ago.

The so-called "Sunshine Club" of Sci-

The so-called "Sunshine Club" of Scicnoe Hill and vicinity, were the guests of
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jamison, of New
Baitimore Tuesday night. The Jamisons
were members of the club before moving to their present home. The name
this club has been traveling under for
two years is a missomer, as their meetings are timed to moonlight nights. Old
fashioned charades have been revived
with the society people and some of
their word and phrase acting is almost
as good as vaudeville. "For instinct,"
as the dutchman said, they acted out
"Free Mason" one night. Mason P. Craig,
handcuffed with a half-inch rope was
dragged before acting J. P., O. P.
Thompson, by the constable protem G.
A. Craig, his brother, with a big stick,
He was charged of stealing chickens.
S. Cabot, voluble prosecutor, proved
with witnesses, his guilt of stealing
chickens, but Ralph Thompson, for defense, also proved they were turkeys and
the J. P. cleared him. Presto change—
"Free-Mason." But the other side didn't
guess it, plain as it was to a blind man.
They had more charades Tuesday night
and light refreshments at midnight and
some had five miles drive home afterwards.

Did you ever cut a bee tree? We did two years ago.
The so-called "Sunshine Club" of Sci-

ent.

Miss Catherine Vogelgesang, of Canton, is spending a few days at the home of W. E. Baughman.

The Ohio Reading Circle met at the school house Wednesday evening.

Miss Anna Hines, of Canton, is assisting in the care of her grandfather, James Sanford, during his illness.

Miss Alma Howenstine is staying with Mrs. Elsay at present.

Beiva Mottice, of Canton spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Mary Kinney.

John Russell, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Russell, died early Thursday morning after an illness of about six years with locomoter ataxia, the last few years being in an entirely heipless state. He was about 28 years of age and leaves a wife, one child 5 years old, two bfothers, one sister and his parents to survive him. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Harper at the M. E. church Saturday morning at 19 o'clock. Interment in Sparta cemetery.

Mrs. Elsary Apresent Saturday and Sunday with the sister, Mrs. J. Briggio.

Mrs. Laura Dover and daughter, of Sandyville, spent Saturday and Sunday and Sunday in the table for Sunday company.

# HARTVILLE.

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Hartville, O., Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swarts, of Mogadore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Al. Swarts. J. A. Ebel weut to Alliance on Friday on a business trip,

Measrs. Perry Kannel and son Frank. Measure. Perry Kannel and son Frank, spent Baturday in Cleveland.

The Poultry and Pet Stock association have gotten out a neat booklat with list of premiums to be given at their second annual show which is to be heid in the Geotz and Keller hall December 20-51, 1905, and January 1-2, 1905. Mr. Nick Halhaway, who has been judging positiry at viows as a practice for the past thirtsen years, has been

valuable premiums are offered and it is hoped the show will receive the sup-

port it deserves, Mrs. Joseph Brown, of Middlebranch, and Mrs. Edward Bast, of Canton, were guests of Mrs. Clement Smith, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Steffy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Israel Steffy at Brumbaugh Corners. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Helmbaugh and

children returned on Saturday from a week's visit with Mrs. Heimbaugh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newhouse, near New Baltimore, Malin Brumbaugh returned on Satur-

day from Goldsboro, Maryland, where he has made his home the past two years. The climate of that part of the country not agreeing with him, he has returned to Stark county and expects to make his future home in Canton. Mrs. Brumbaugh returned some six weeks ago with Mr. and Mrs. William Steffy.

Messrs. J. A. Ebel and son have added a new department to their hardware and slate roofing store and will now make and repair harness. S. M. Hun-ter, of Alliance, will have charge of the

new department.

What was evidently an attempt to set fire to L. C. Crocker's grain elevator and saw mill was discovered just in time by Mrs. Crocker early on Friday morning. Mrs. Crocker saw the flames and called her husband, who hurried over to the mill, reaching there in time beat out the fire. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin as a stone was found on which was tied some oil soaked waste near the fire.

Miss Marie Kling, of Canton, is the guest of Miss Mary Showaiter at her home south of town, this week,
The opening number of the lecture course—a chalk talk on "The American Small Boy," by Hon. Frank Regan, was

ments ever given in Hartville. Mr. Regan is a good speaker and emphasized his words with drawings made with unusual speed. He brought home good moral points in a striking way as when from an interrogation point he made a small boy, and then added a cigarette, then a pipe and so on until the drunken tramp shown sent a shudder over the audience. Bright and witty sayings kept his hearers in good humor. The next number of the course will be a lecture on January 9 by Hon. W. Sherman Culp.

## CARROLLTON.

Carrollton, Dec. 10—William Lee, of Lee township, committed suicide some time Saturday night by hanging. He leaves a wife and several children.

Austin Wertz, of Canton, was a Carrollton visitor on Tuesday.

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William Fisley, of Canton, was in town on Monday, His son-in-law, R. D. Blackburn, will locate at Canton.

Ell D. Shaw, of Minerva, was in Carrollton Monday on business.

A daughter was born on Friday of last week to Judge and Mrs. Fred W. McCoy, George Galbralith is now sole owner of the livery barn having purchased Ed. Baxter's interest in the business.

Leiand Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Shepherd, of this place, who has been in ill health for several weeks and bad to quit school at Delaware and come home, was operated upon at Baltimore. Md., on Tuesday for appendicitis, He had gone there on a visit with his uncle. James Whiteraft, who is attending the Johns Hopkins medical university and after being examined by the physicians at the institution an operation was deemed necessary and it was suecessfully performed and the young man is recovering nicely according to word received from there.

John Miller and son, of Berehols, were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Lucinda Shepherd, several days the first of the week.

Mrs. Andrew Gillen, Mrs. Lucinda Shepherd and Mrs. Thompson were guests of Mrs. J. H. Myers, of Malvern, Thursday.

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# EDGEFIELD.

Edgefield, Dec. 11-Elmer S. Grable visited with George Moore at Greentown

on Sunday Miss Julia and Emmett Riffle, of Uhrichsville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dunn the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Volkman, Mr. Enlow and Mr. and Mrs. Volkman, Mr. Enlow and Wesley Unger called at Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Hubers on Sunday. Joseph Pfeifer, of Latrobe, Ind.; Mrs. Kats Whiteraft, of Segraft, Logan county, Ind.; and Mrs. John Selkel and Mrs. Tena Dine, of Canton, visited with

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergen. Mrs. Milton Braucher and Mrs. Lewis Smith attended the funeral of Mrs. Fred erick Kline at Greentown en Monday. Mrs. James McLinden has nearly recovered from her recent Biness.

Messrs, John and Clarence Brown, of
Altman, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Neu-

man Guental on Sunday.

Warren Russell, of Akron, visited with his sister, Mrs. Edwin Russell on Mon-Miss Edith Shanabruch and Miss Martha Oberlin were guests of Mrs. Laura Gilther at Canal Fulton on Sunday. Calvin Seeman's Sabbath school class of the Trinity Reformed church at Can-ton, held a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Walker on Friday evening. The program consisted of several solos by Miss Emma Rits and one by Miss Ruth Pecher and several readings by Miss Ethel Vernon. Refreshments

were served and it was in every way a successful and pleasant event.

Frank L. Koonte and C. L. Stoner, of Massilion, were business callers at Mr. E. S. Grable's on Tuesday. Stanis Fet and Joe Cioftenstein, of Louisville, tendered Mr. and Mrs. Neu-

man Guental a surprise on Tuesday even-A party of 23 of the young folks of the New Berlin high school speat Wednes-day evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Vernon. Music and games were in order. Lunch was served and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

# EAST GREENVILLE

East Greenville, Dec. 10—Thomas H. Thomas, who had been very sick for about two months, is able to be out again.

Arthur Fritz of Cleveland, was here flaturday the guest of Jacob Eckroad and family.

Lee and Lawrence Price were the guests of Weygandt Eckroad Sunday afternoon.

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Chas. Kirk was the guest on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snyder.

Mrs. Stephen Richard was the guest of her Jaughters, Misses Esther and Mary Jones at Barberton over Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Beer. Mrs. Belle Caler and Mrs. And Mrs. Wm. Basr were in Canton on Tuesday.

Wm. G. C. Eckroad and family, of Crystal Springs, were guests of Jacob Eckroad and family Friday.

Jaceb Edwards sold his milk route through West Brookfield and Mnasillon to Jacob Foung, near Newman.

Mrs. Laura Johnston, formerly of this villags but now living at North Lawrence, died Monday afternoon. She is survived by her busoand and one daughter, besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bushman; two brothers, James and Daniel Rushman; two brothers, James and Daniel Rushman; three sisters.

Mrs. Alice Edwarks of this village; Mrs. Bisl. Is Beran, of North Latrence; Mrs. Cale Ile Emith, of Washingtonville.